Independent Internet Service Providers are far too important to sweep under the rug.

I am a network consultant who has set up DSL as parts of numerous wide networks. I have found that dealing with local ISPs who already have good contacts inside the

RBOC is far easier than dealing with the RBOC directly, starting with level 0 support.

Please, please understand that the telcos MUST NOT be allowed to price out the independent Internet Service Providers' DSL offerings.